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1. Prior to June 1949 the 30th Tank Div was located in Insterburg (R 55/V 55), East Prussia, and was subordinate to a corps head-quarters in the same city. The corps was commanded by Lieutenant General Gregorian (fmu). (1) It also included the 16th Sds Inf Div which was located in the northern sector of Insterburg, north of the Angorapp River. (2)
2. The elements of the 30th Tank Div were quartered in the large barracks installations in the eastern sector of the city.
3. The officers of the division included Major General Karishki (fmu), commanding general of the division; Major General Sadovski (fmu), deputy commander; Major General Iuzilkin (fmu), chief of staff; and Lieutenant Colonel Altmann (fmu), chief of signal section and commanding officer of the signal battalion. (1)
4. In the spring of 1948 the demobilization of all classes upto and including the 1927 class was started. However, numerous specialized personnel, such as tank troops, engineers, mechanics, etc., were retained in service.
5. The 30th Tank Div was organized into the headquarters with head-quarters company and motor pool; the 95th Regt with artillery, mortar and AT artillery components; the 96th Tank Regt; the 97th Tank Regt; the 121st SP Arty Regt; a motorized infantry unit; a motorcycle battalion; a howitzer artillery regiment; a heavy mortar battalion; a rocket launcher battalion; an engineer unit; and a signal battalion. (3) (4)
6. The 30th Tank Div was equipped with 200 to 300 improved T-34 tanks and 76-mm SP guns with open topped superstructures. Each of the regiments had 50 to 60 armored vehicles. The howitzer artillery regiment was equipped with howitzers of about 100 to 122 mm caliber.

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7. The Yanovski Base with the Mazarov construction battalion, a 116th Labor Co, a motor transport column and the fuel depot south of the Insterburg railroad station were directly subordinate to the army. The Yanovski Base conducted all loading and transshipping operations at the railroad station.
8. From mid-1945 to June 1949 the 30th Tank Div was quartered in the former German barracks installations of Insterburg and was subordinate to a headquarters, commanded by a general, in Koenigsberg.
9. During a three-year period units, which were observed to leave Insterburg for field exercises, included a tank unit with JS tanks mounting 122-mm guns; a tank unit with 40 to 50 T-34 tanks; an SP artillery unit with 76.2 and 150-mm guns; a truck-borne rifle unit; a mortar unit with 120-mm mortars and rocket launchers; a motorized artillery unit with 122-mm guns; a reconnaissance unit with armored scout cars; an AT artillery platoon with 76.2-mm guns on self-propelled mounts; and a motor transport unit. The components of the tank division had an estimated strength of 6,000 to 7,000 troops.
10. In June 1949 two other generals were observed in Insterburg. One of them, a General Yanovski (fnu), was chief of the "base" and controlled two labor units which were assigned to work at the transshipment railroad station. The officers of the "base" included Colonel Mikhailovski (fnu), chief of staff; Lieutenant Colonel Muratovski (fnu), billeting and loading officer; and Colonel Meibler (fnu), supply officer.
11. A fuel depot of 12 fuel tanks, each with a capacity of about 50,000 liters, was south of the Insterburg railroad station. It was run by a Soviet major and guarded by tank troopers.
12. Tank repair shops and a ration supply depot were located north of the railroad station area.
13. Prior to June 1949 Soviet tank units, estimated at one division, were stationed in Insterburg. All barracks in the city were heavily occupied by motorized troops. Units with 10 to 12 T-34 tanks were repeatedly observed to leave the city for field exercises. The troops wore black epaulets with tank insignia. Some tanks were marked with two crossed flags, about 20x30 cm, on their sidewalls.
14. Prior to June 1949 a barracks installation of five 3-story buildings and several tank garages in the eastern sector of Insterburg was occupied by a tank unit of about 1,500 troops. Trucks, passenger cars and 40 to 50 tanks of various types were seen to leave the billeting area.
15. A barracks installation opposite the mentioned billeting area quartered a horse-drawn unit of 300 to 400 men.
16. A high-echelon headquarters under the command of General Yanovski (fnu), who had only one arm, was also located in the eastern city sector. Major Makarov (fnu), was the engineer officer at the headquarters.
17. Prior to February 1943 the 121st Tank Regt, another tank unit and an infantry regiment regularly drew supplies from the ration supply depot near the railroad station of Insterburg. (3)

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25X1A (1) [] Comment. Grigorian is believed to be Grigori Arkadyevich Grigoryan who was promoted to the rank of Major General in July 1945. Karishki probably is Grigori Ivanovich Karishski who, as a guards major general, was awarded the title of Hero of the Soviet Union, the Lenin Order and the Gold Star medal in May 1945. Ladovski is believed to be Stanislav Petrovich Ladovski or Fedor Yemolyanovich Ladovski who were both promoted to the rank of major general of tank troops in July 1945. Musikin probably is Mikhail Maksimovich Musikin who, as a colonel, was commanding officer or deputy commander of the 304th Rifle Div during the war and was promoted to the rank of major general in July 1945.

25X1A (2) [] Comment. The information confirms the 16th Gds (Mtz) Rifle Div in Insterburg. [] the 13d Gds Rifle Regt of the 16th Gds Rifle Div during the war, was identified as belonging to the sender of a letter found in Allenburg.

25X1A (3) [] Comment. The information appears credible. However, it is believed that the report refers to the 30th Gds Mecz Div, rather than to the 30th Tank Div, which is subordinate to a corps headquarters together with the 16th Gds (Mtz) Rifle Div. A comparison of the numerical designations of the guards mechanized divisions, organized from rifle divisions and tank brigades after the war, results in the following system:

19th Gds Mecz Div - 62d, 63d, 64th Gds Mecz Regts)	Divisions
20th Gds Mecz Div - 65th, 66th, 67th Gds Mecz Regts)	in
21st Gds Mecz Div - 68th, 69th, 70th Gds Mecz Regts)	the Soviet
	Zone of
	Germany

(omitting the 22d through 29th Divs)

30th Gds Mecz Div - 95th, 96th, 97th Gds Mecz Regts.

It is therefore believed that the 95th Regt with artillery, mortar and AT artillery components, the 96th and 97th Tank Regts mentioned by the P's are the three mechanized regiments of the division. There are no leads as to a 121st (Gds ?) Hv Tank BP Regt. However, since two P's reported the same numerical designation, the information is given credence. For layout of military installations in Insterburg see annex.

25X1X (4) [] Comment. [] P's who were discharged at the end of 1949 said that they did not observe any changes in organization and personnel of the division up to that time.

Attachment: Installations in Insterburg

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- 1 About 60 tanks in former stables
- 2 96th Regt
- 3 95th Regt and elements of the division headquarters
- 4 Elements of the 121st Regt
- 5 Elements of the 121st Regt
- 6 Motorized infantry unit
- 7 Motorcycle battalion
- 8 97th Regt
- 9 Elements of the 95th Regt
- 10 Division headquarters building
- 11 Ammunition dump
- 12 Army motor transport column
- 13 Yanovski Base
- 14 Corps headquarters building
- 15 Lazarov Headquarters
- 16 Billoting area of the 16th Inf Div
- 17 Fuel depot
- A Main railroad station
- B Lutheran church
- C Catholic church
- D Castle
- E Race course
- F Ul. Centralnaya
- G Ul. Pushkina, formerly Danziger Strasse
- H Former Goeringstrasse
- J Ul. Loskovska
- K Ul. Artilria

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